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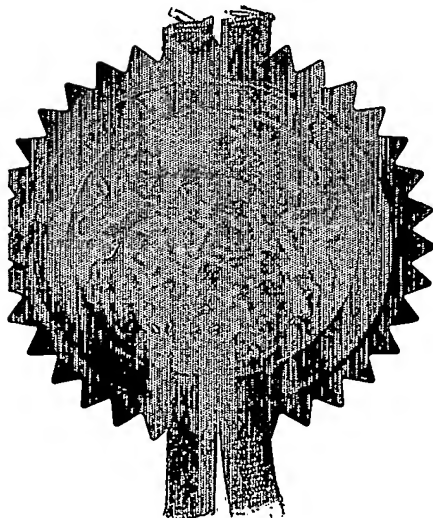
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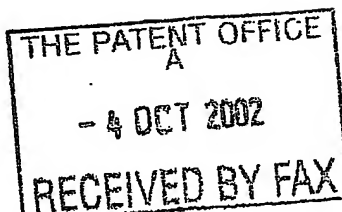
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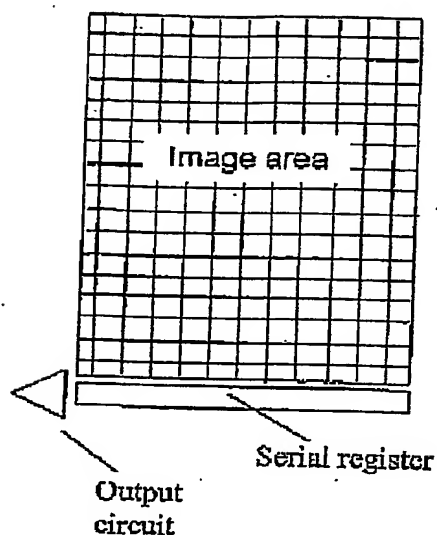
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NEW PATENT APPLICATION

Method for controlled injection of small quantity of charge into a CCD.

The general format of an imaging CCD is well known and is shown, by way of example, in the diagram below.



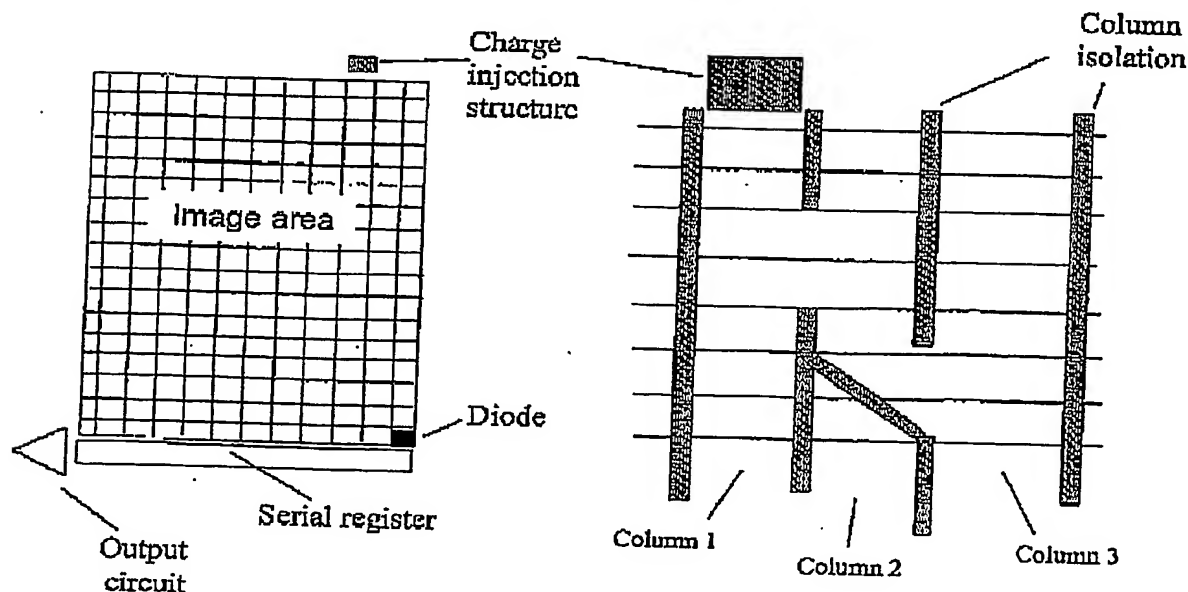
A requirement sometimes exists to provide a metered charge input to the serial register at the end of the register remote from the output circuit. This can be used for a variety of purposes, for example :

1. Calibration of the output circuit.
2. As a "fat zero" for mitigation of the effects of proton or neutron damage.

In many of these applications, injected charge will only be required in a small number of register elements for each line read, but should be available for all line reads.

Well known techniques are available to inject this charge, the most commonly used being some variant of the "fill and spill" technique. It is, however, very difficult to controllably inject an amount of charge less than around 10,000 electrons.

As an alternative to periodically injecting charge directly into the serial register, it is proposed that charge be injected at the top of the image area, as shown in the diagram below. In this case, as charge is injected into the top row



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in one column of the image. As lines are transferred down through the CCD in the normal operation of the device, charge is again injected into the top line and is transferred down through the CCD and appears in the end of the register remote from the output circuit.

Within the column isolation structure in the image area, associated with the transfer of this injected charge, charge is injected into column 1. By omission of the isolation between columns 1 & 2, charge is allowed to spread across the two columns. When isolation is re-established, the charge is then divided in proportion to the storage areas of pixels in the two columns. Column 2 then includes an isolation region which causes all charge to be shifted across into column 3. The structure described above is repeated several times down the height of the image area, producing a charge division each time. By this method, the charge in column 1 can be reduced to a very low level and this level transferred into the serial register. Excess charge is transferred down column 3, from where it can be lost by transfer into a dump diode.

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